

EPA ID: PRN000204378 Site Name: PUERTO RICO CONTAINERS

State ID:

Alias Site Names: ABC CONTAINER

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PUERTO RICO CONTAINER CO. LIMITED

UNION CAMP

City: CABO ROJO

County or Parish: CABO ROJO

State: PR

Refer to Report Dated: 07/13/2005

Report Type: SITE INSPECTION 001

Report Developed by: STATE

DECISION:

☒ 1. Further Remedial Site Assessment under CERCLA (Superfund) is not required because:

☒ 1a. Site does not qualify for further remedial site assessment under CERCLA (No Further Remedial Action Planned - NFRAP)

☐ 1b. Site may qualify for action, but is deferred to:

☐ 2. Further Assessment Needed Under CERCLA:

2a. Priority: ☐ Higher ☐ Lower

2b. Other: (recommended action)



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**DISCUSSION/RATIONALE:**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that no further remedial action by the Federal Superfund program is warranted at the referenced site, at this time. The basis for the no further remedial action planned (NFRAP) determination is provided in the attached document. A NFRAP designation means that no additional remedial steps under the Federal Superfund program will be taken at the site unless new information warranting further Superfund consideration or conditions not previously known to EPA regarding the site are disclosed. In accordance with EPA's decision regarding the tracking of NFRAP sites, the referenced site may be removed from the CERCLIS database and placed in a separate archival database as a historical record if no further Superfund interest is warranted. Archived sites may be returned to the CERCLIS site inventory if new information necessitating further Superfund consideration is discovered.

The Puerto Rico Container (PRC) site has been active since 1962. Between 1961 and 1981 the site operated under the name of Puerto Rico Containers Company Limited (PRCC) and manufactured corrugated paper. In 1981 PRCC was acquired and two companies started operations at the site, ABC Containers, which manufactured corrugated paper, and Puerto Rico Containers which assembled and labeled cardboard boxes. The site changed owners again in 1993 and 1999, always manufacturing paper related products. Operations ceased in 2002. The site was acquired by "Desarollos Inmobiliarios de Hato Tejas" in 2003.

Between 1980 and 1983 PRCC discharged processed waters into the "Rio Hondo" River in Bayamon without a permit. Also, a septic tank was built in 1983 as part of an underground injection system. A 18,000 gallon diesel underground storage tank was removed in 1990 in accordance with Underground Storage Tank (UST) program regulations.

During a visual inspection conducted by the PREQB on June 1, 2000, all the manufacturing processes were conducted indoors. A water treatment plant, two 5,000-gallons above ground storage tanks, and the underground septic tank were observed during the inspection.

During a second visual inspection conducted on March 17, 2005, it was discovered that the physical situation of the site had changed drastically. PRCC is no longer operating, instead, a furniture store, a telecommunications equipment distributor, and three companies engaged in storage and transportation of goods are now at the site. None of these companies handles or store hazardous substances. The above ground tanks were removed and most of the superficial areas were covered with concrete.

Site Decision Made by: JUAN E DAVILA

Signature:



Date: 07/27/2005